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THE LABOR JOURNAL COMPLETES EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

Thursday, May 11, 1939 sees The Charlotte Labor Journal enter into its ninth year of continuous publication. They have been years of pleasure for the editor and publisher, with hardships along some lines, but, taking it all in all, the satisfaction of doing a work which is of the heart is remuneration, of a kind. Our supporters have been loyal, and our real friends tried and true, and while The Journal has endeavored to minimize its foes, it will have to be admitted that some business concerns have scoffed at every approach in regard to advertising in its columns, minimizing the buying power and co-operation of the labor forces.

While not being able to enlarge, as has been our aim, Charlotte has been given a clean paper and it is hoped that 1939 will see a great improvement in The Journal in size and otherwise. Our subscription list has grown more than 500 during the past year, and it is our hope and belief that 1939 will see us double that growth, the majority of new subscribers coming from the ranks of the workers.

To those advertisers who have stood with us, we wish to assure them that Labor, and The Journal, appreciates their support, and has endeavored to make their patronage a profitable investment, and to those who have spurred us in our efforts by kind words, and along financial lines, in and out of the ranks of labor, we extend our deep appreciation, assuring them one and all that they will ever linger as a pleasant memory.

Standing upon the soud rock of the A. F. of L. principles believing it is the best for the workers in acse United States, The Journal has never faltered, even when it and its editor and publisher were placed on some "hot" spots for existence, battling torces of a divergent opinion, the same element at times threatening dire retribution for the stand we had taken on certain questions. But 51 years in the Labor Movement has taught this writer that Samuel Gompers, and other leaders in the foundation of the A. F. of L. knew what they were doing, and William Green took up the duties that Gampers laid down, and is going forward in a satisfactory manner, and the A. r. of L. marches on in a dignified way, sateguarding the interests of the workers of America and endeavoring to eliminate any element that would be detrimental to the Constitution of the United States.

Below we reproduce for the ninth time the Journal's salutatory editorial, which appeared in the first issue, and it was not merely a promise, but it embodies the faith of its founders, and The Journal can truthfully say it has been lived up to. This paper was founded by Henry A. Stalls and this writer, Mr. Stalls withdrawing after one year of service, having done much to see The Journal started on its way.

The Salutatory Editorial published in first issue:

# BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

"With this issue The Charlotte Labor Journal makes its bow to the ranks of organized labor in this vicinity, and the public in general. It is given to the worker and his friends and sympathizers in an unpretending way, with no blowing of horns or beating of drums, void of pomp and boasting, its promoters realizing that it is far better to begin in a small way and enlarge than to undertake a more pretentious publication and decrease. We wish to lay a foundation upon the solid rock of sincerity, honesty of purpose

and good will. The labor field in Charlotte is broad, and one that is assuming a large part in the life of our city—industrially, financially, socially, educationally, and otherwise—and organized labor stands out as an almost perfect exemplification of what can be done by a body of law-abiding, honest, churchgoing, home-loving, home-owning and progressive class of workers. They are working and have worked for the upbuilding of society and themselves— spending their earnings which passes the two million dollar mark annually, at home-building a bigger and better Charlotte and laying the foundation for a future citizenship of which any city or community in the world may well

"In politics, The Journal, will be absolutely and unalterably independent, standing at all times for the right of the organized worker—and all workers—and supporting, at all times, candidates from the ranks of labor, and endorsed by the properly constituted authority, knowing full well that a candidate, to pass the ordeal, to secure this endorsement will be worthy in every way of our support and the confidence of the people of Charlotte

in general. "In every movement for the betterment of our city, The Journal will be found with its shoulder to the wheel, adding its support and weight for successful culmination.

"It is not socialistic, bolshevistic or anarchistic. It is against Com munism or any other 'ism' that will pull down society, and array worker against employer, believing that sober judgment, mediation and arbitration is the correct method by which to settle disputes, believing that worker as well as employer, has the right to organize for the betterment of his condition.

"And setting our course along these lines we will sail our frail bark, we hope, into a successful port, making friends, holding for that which is right and good, and steering clear of all alliances which may be detrimental to ourselves, organized labor and the community at large."

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At night they lie, deciphering the dark As best they can in rooms that have no dawn; They hear the boisterous minutes like the bark Of distant dogs-their lack goes lumbering on.

The dormant whistles linger in their ears; The wheels of industry revolve in dreams Of endless bread, a roof to end their fears. They lie in dread, for whom no morning gleams. -JOHN ROBERT QUINN, Spirit.

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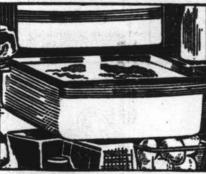
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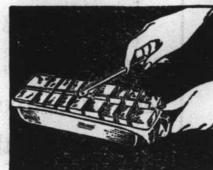
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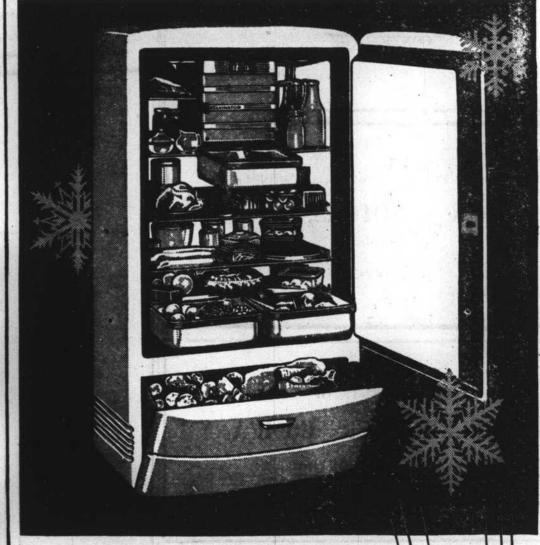


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